a compression rate control circuit for updating, every time the signal corresponding to one field has been compressed by the compression circuit, the compression rate stored in the by-channel compression rate storage area, corresponding to the inputted signal, in the storage device to such a value that an amount of coding after the compression approaches a predetermined target amount of coding on the basis of the amount of coding after the compression and the target amount of coding.--

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims have been made to correct the multiple dependency of the claims and to put the application in better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

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